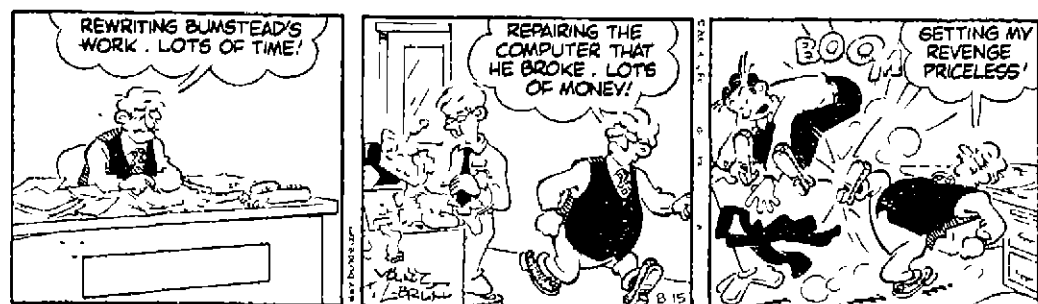


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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



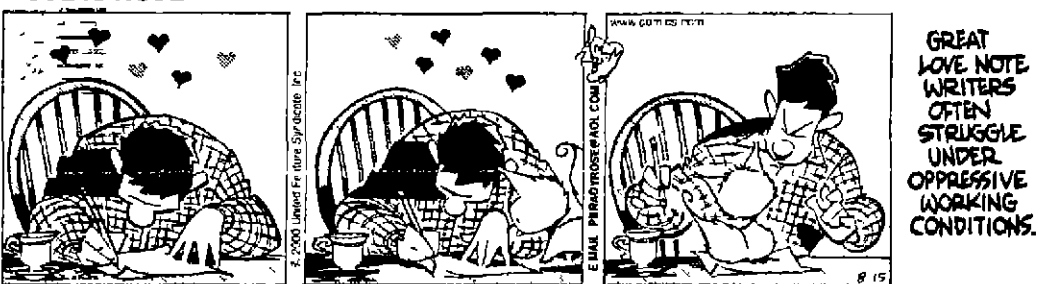
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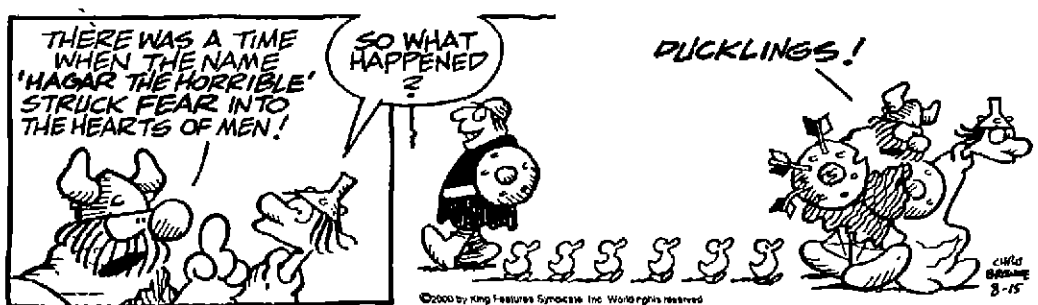
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ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



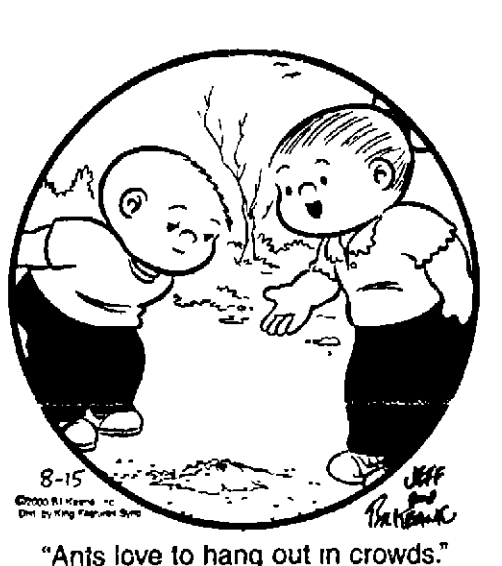
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Cooking expert Julia Child is 88
Actress Dame Wendy Hiller is 88
Conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly is 76
Actor Mike Connors is 75
Jazz musician Oscar Peterson is 75
R&B singer Bill Pinckney (The Drifters) is 75
Actress Janice Rule is 69
Actress Abby Dalton is 68
Singer-producer Bobby Byrd is 66
Civil rights activist Vernon Jordan is 65

I NEED HELP



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PAR SCORE 135-145 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

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RACK 1: D, E, L, A, N, R, H

RACK 2: B, B, I, A, H, Y, S (with Letter Triple)

RACK 3: A, L, R, A, E, Y, T

RACK 4: B, N, L, U, E, E, A (Double Word Score)

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

—CAKE

F J G D A D X V S P N K I F C
D A X V N S T Q S O L J H E C
A O J U X V T R P D T R P N L
I H O G F D B D O Y X V T R P
O P H F N M F O N H K I G E D
B Z N H S I F O G U S X W U T
R Q N O N L D L E L B R A M J
I G Y F E D I D C C A Y X W V
T S R G P O N V E S E E H C L
K J N C O F F E E W T I U R F
N A P I N W O D E D I S P U G

Monday's unlisted clue: QUACK

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: FOR THE BRIDE AND GROOM

Angel food Devil's food Marble Short
Bundt Fish Pan Sponge
Cheese Fruit Pie of Upside-down
Coffee Johnny Pound

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Aug. 16

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't become so absorbed in your own fantasy world and untried theories that you lose touch with your surrounding environment.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Suddenly you're everyone's darling. Make the most of this bout of popularity and accept all social invitations.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Get out of this rut you've dug for yourself and go exploring.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A sudden dose of freedom will reveal new opportunities for growth and success.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You like the groundhog, are afraid of your own shadow these days.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Desultory thoughts have you floating and flitting all over the place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Mind your p's and q's and watch whom you tell what.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A very close friend or confidante will reveal a delicious secret.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) If someone has borrowed or stolen your possessions, you can expect their speedy return.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) The Band-Aid solution will see you through - this time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A seemingly good deal might turn out to be of low quality.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) So many opportunities may come your way all at once that you'll have difficulty deciding which is the best.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

West led the ace and another spade, and South cashed dummy's trump ace. Another trump marked West with a surprising trump trick, but it also provided clues about diamonds. When South led a diamond to dummy's queen and East's ace, South finished when East returned the suit. South could now claim 10 winners. Would a diamond lead have defeated four hearts? Not necessarily. If West ruffs a diamond, South picks up West's trump queen. If East leads spades at trick two, South may well decipher the red-suit distribution. The defense against four hearts was not the crime, the crime occurred during the bidding. Even though West judged his hand too strong to pre-empt as dealer, his jump to three spades should have prompted East to bid four spades over four hearts. At four spades, if North cashes the heart ace, nothing can stop West from scoring seven trumps, a heart ruff and two minor-suit tricks. If North cashes the club ace and gives South a club ruff, it's even easier. If South leads hearts, it's back to square one. And if he knocks out East's diamond ace, West ruffs a club and cashes his trump ace to drop South's king. Dummy's trump jack now provides the entry to cash the clubs.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 6 4	♥ 7	♠ 10 9 8 5 3	♥ 1
♦ A 9 8 7	♣ 1	♦ Q 4 3	♣ 1
♦ 3 2	♣ A 19 6	♦ A 8 6	♣ K 10 9 7 3 2
SOUTH		WEST	
♠ A	♥ K J 10 6 2	♠ A Q 10 9 8 5 3	♥ 7
♦ K 10 8 7 4	♣ 4	♦ A 9 8 7	♣ 1
♦ 3 2	♣ A 19 6	♦ A 8 6	♣ K 10 9 7 3 2

Vulnerable: East West
Dealer: West
The bidding:
West North East South
3♠ 4♥ All pass
Opening lead: Spade ace

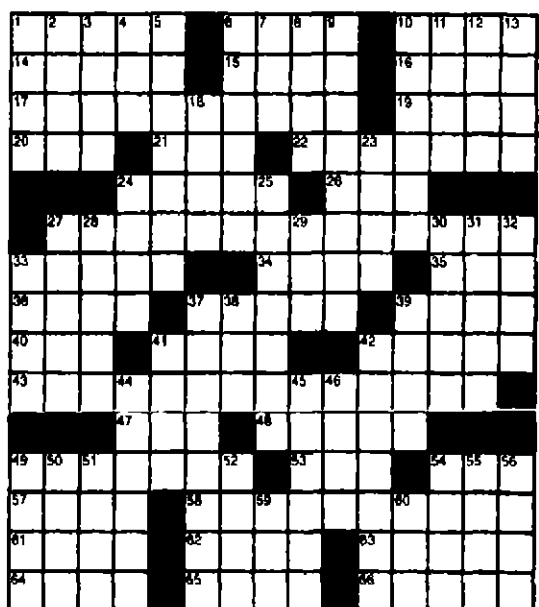
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0704

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bit of parsley
6 Go crazy, slangily
10 "Woe is me!"
14 Historical 1960 John Wayne film, with "The"
15 Bit
16 Hardly the life of the party
17 Headline about lightning hitting a landfill?
19 1996 also-ran
20 Psychic's claim
21 See 2-Down
22 Get, as an idea
24 Gets ore
26 Jiffy
27 Child punishment tool?
33 Afrikaners
- 34 "Cool!"
35 Noted 1964 convert to Islam
36 Character
37 Offspring
39 Assist a writer
40 The Braves, on scoreboards
41 Aberdeen native
42 First sign of spring
43 What the Little Engine That Could experienced?
47 Leader in a 1972 summit meeting with Nixon
48 Scarlett's third
49 Garden pavilions
53 Faulkner's "Lay Dying"
54 Pub quaff
- 57 Skating jump
58 Student who plays hooky at noon?
61 Pro or con
62 Actor Estrada
63 Bale binder
64 "Hey!"
65 TV rooms
66 Ice cream drinks
- DOWN**
- 1 Marquis de
2 Sign used in a 21-Across
3 Alternative to steps
4 Miscreant-maker
5 Spreads rumors
6 Less flexible
7 "Mambo No. 5" singer ____ Bega
8 Yen
9 Islamabad's country
10 Take into a flying saucer, say
11 Roller coaster part
12 Folk singer Guthrie
13 Viewed
18 Rhinoceros
23 New driver's hurdle
24 Simple
25 Grams or Grams
27 Wisdom
28 "You there?"
29 Right from the factory

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BEAM STAY DRIBS
ONLY EGGS ROGET
PIER TARP EBONY
SECRET PASSWORD
HALO TOT
SAM GETEVER SPA
NITES LES ALAY
UNDERCOVERAGENT
LIAR HUE SEEDS
LES HOISPOY PAY
AUR ACHE
HIDDEN TREASURE
LADED ORAL SCAR
ATOLL REDO ALMA
NELEE MEET YAPS



Puzzle by Tyler Herman

- 30 r's, in geometry
31 Not of this world
32 They may be bottomless
33 Enc-a-
37 Tug-
38 Nanki- of "The Mikado"
39 Part of Q E D
41 Wound cover
42 Drawers
44 Egg dish
45 Not the finest homes
- 46 Musician John
49 You don't mean that!
50 Althes' foe
51 Last letters, in England
52 Positive
- 54 Like a desert
55 Actress Turner
56 Snake (60-Down)
59 Winter dance
60 See 56-Down

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